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Dear Lederberg:

Thank you for your comments on the review. The paper by Sherman and Wing I have not quoted, since, although starting with the right set-up, they did not discuss clearly the importance of the method, which in their case led them no where, anyway. I might, however, add their reference for sake of thoroughness.

As for our experiments on lethal mutations in phage, your guess was almost completely right. I am now planning an analysis of differences between wild-types in terms of the number of genes in which they differ: as you see, we are approaching the population geneticist's dream.

By the way, do you know of any person who would be interested in a good job working with me on this problem next year, and possibly longer? The salary would be commensurate to training (some mathematics and genetics required) and particularly to brains. I wish I could land another Lederberg.

Best regards,

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